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House Bill _____
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Senate No. SB0825
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AN ACT to amend Chapter 131 of the Private Acts of 1969, as amended by Chapter 85 of the Private Acts of 1987, and all other acts amendatory thereto, relative to the privilege tax upon hotel occupancy in Shelby County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 10(c) of Chapter 131 of the Private Acts of 1969, as amended by Chapter 85 of the Private Acts of 1987, and all other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting the following language:

At such time as the original issue of bonds issued to finance the construction of the Cook Convention Center shall become paid in full as to both principal and interest, whether in year 1997 or at an earlier time if said bonds should be redeemed or retired prior to their various maturity dates, the tax levied hereof shall be reduced to the maximum rate of four percent (4%). On June 30, 2007, the taxing resolution shall be repealed and the tax shall no longer be levied; provided further that any funds remaining in "The Auditorium Fund", after all obligations imposed under the provisions of this Act shall have been fulfilled, shall be paid into a trust fund restricted to those uses specified in subsections (d) and (e) of Section 10 hereof.

and substituting the following in lieu thereof:

At such time as the original issue of bonds issued to finance the construction of the Cook Convention Center shall become paid in full as to both principal and interest, whether in year 1997 or at an earlier time if said bonds should be redeemed or retired prior to their various maturity dates, the tax levied hereof shall remain at the maximum rate of five percent (5%) until the taxing resolution shall be repealed. After such bonds are paid in full and until June 30, 2007, four-fifths (4/5) of the amount of revenue received from such tax shall be allocated to the uses specified in subsections (d) and (e) of Section 10 and the remaining revenue shall be used as specified in subsection (f); provided, any funds remaining in the "Auditorium Fund" on June 30, 2007, after all obligations imposed under the provisions of this Act shall have been fulfilled, shall be paid into a trust fund restricted to those uses specified in subsections (d) and (e) of Section 10. On and after July 1, 2007, the revenues from such tax shall be used as specified in subsection (g) of Section 10 hereof. On June 30, 2015, the taxing resolution shall be repealed and the tax shall no longer be levied.

SECTION 2. Section 10 of Chapter 131 of the Private Acts of 1969, as amended by Chapter 85 of the Private Acts of 1987, is further amended by adding the following language as new subsections (f) and (g):

(f) In accordance with subsection (c), after the original issue of bonds issued to finance the construction of the Cook Convention Center shall become paid in full as to both principal and interest, whether in year 1997 or at an earlier time if said bonds should be redeemed or retired prior to their various maturity dates, and until June 30, 2007, one-fifth (1/5) of the revenue received from such tax shall be used and allocated for capital and other improvements at The Pyramid, and may also be used to provide additional funding to increase law enforcement protection in and around The Pyramid.

(g) On and after July 1, 2007, the revenues from such tax shall be used in a manner provided by resolution of the county legislative body of Shelby County for the trust fund for uses specified in subsections (d) and (e) of Section 10, for the Pyramid,

Mudd Island, or any other tourist-related activities as designated by the county legislative body, including additional funding to increase law enforcement protection at public or sporting events.

SECTION 3. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the county legislative body of Shelby County. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the county legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 4. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective upon being approved as provided in Section 3.